

REMARKS

In the above-noted Amendment, the parenthetical status identifiers provided in parenthesis for Claims 69 and 72 through 76 were not correct.

The Notice states that “Only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document must be submitted.” Accordingly, Applicants are hereby supplementing the Amendment by re-representing the portion of the Amendment directed to canceling, amending, and adding claims. More specifically, amended Claims 69 and 72 through 77 have been re-presented herein using a correct parenthetical status identifier for each claim. In addition, Claims 70 and 71 are cancelled and Claim 77 is newly presented herein. (The status identifiers used herein have been selected based on the changes in the claims relative to the claims as presented in the Amendment After Final Rejection filed May 20, 2004.)

It is understood that the other previously-submitted sections of that Amendment, including the amendments to page 57 of the specification and the Remarks, either have been or will be entered and considered.

Claims Status

Claims 1 through 68, 70, and 71 are canceled.

Claims 69 and 72 through 77 are pending in the application. No new matter has been presented. Claim 69 is the only independent claim pending in the application.

Conclusion

It is also respectfully submitted that this Response to Notice and Supplemental Amendment (“Response”) is fully responsive to the Notice and ensures that the Amendment, filed October 15, 2004, is fully compliant with the Rules.

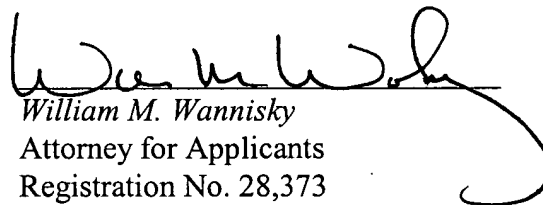
Applicants believe that no fee is necessary. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to change any fee which may be deemed necessary in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, he is instructed to telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Applicants' attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our New York office at the address listed below.

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